

leaders that they cannot continue to sponsor terrorism and call for the destruction of Israel and expect to receive American financial and diplomatic support. America will stand firm with Israel against any enemy who seeks to terrorize its people or disrupt the lives of its citizens.

With that being said, it is also important for the Palestinian people to know that America is not an enemy, but that we seek to help establish a two-state system, with Israel and Palestine coexisting side by side in peace. America strongly believes in the peace process and we hope to facilitate that process so the entire region will be better for it. When Congress passed H.R. 4681 it was not a vote against the Palestinian people, but a vote against terrorists of those who have called for the destruction of Israel and who have sponsored terrorism in the past and continue to do so.

Congress understands that we must be resolute against terrorist leaders, but also show humanity and compassion towards the poor and innocent children and destitute people of the Palestinian territories. That is the only way we can achieve peace and stability in the region. Madam Speaker, I will continue to support the peace process between Israel and the Palestinian people along with my colleagues here in Congress, and America will continue to provide humanitarian aid and assistance for those people who need it most. We will not let the election of Hamas hijack the road to peace that we have all sought for so long.

IN HONOR OF GENERAL T.
MICHAEL "BUZZ" MOSELEY, USAF

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my fellow Texan and good friend, Chief of Staff of the Air Force GEN T. Michael "Buzz" Moseley, who received the high honor of being knighted during a ceremony at the British Embassy in Washington, DC on May 30.

General Moseley was awarded the honorary knighthood due to his contributions to British-American relations during his tour of duty as the commander of the air war over Afghanistan and Iraq.

In addition to being the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, General Moseley can now add the honorary title of "Knight Commander of the British Empire" to an already impressive service record. General Moseley becomes the next in a long line of some of our Nation's most impressive leaders and skilled military commanders to be so highly honored by our British allies including President Ronald Reagan, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, GEN Jimmy Doolittle, GEN Carl Spaatz, GEN Tommy Franks, and Secretary of State Colin Powell.

I congratulate my friend General Moseley on his knighthood, and thank him for his outstanding service in leading the United States Air Force in its continuing operations in the global war on terrorism.

IN MEMORY OF PERRY BASS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give tribute to Mr. Perry Bass of Fort Worth, Texas, for his lifelong contributions to his community and to his fellow citizens.

Born in Wichita Falls, TX, on November 11, 1914, Mr. Bass attended prep school in Pennsylvania and in 1937 received a science degree, specializing in geology, from Yale University. Mr. Perry died the morning of Thursday, June 1, 2006, at the age of 91.

Mr. Bass began his career in the legendary oil fields of Texas, where he worked with his uncle beginning in the 1930s. In 1942 Perry Bass joined the armed services as a naval architect designing torpedo boats before later continuing his career in oil and gas.

Perry Bass's professional exploits are only a small part of his life-long success. Throughout his career Mr. Bass and his family donated generously to a wide variety of charities, learning institutions, the arts and hospitals. As a former chairman of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, he championed a law to preserve the population of redbird and spotted sea trout in the Texas coastal waters and worked to preserve the natural beauty of the State of Texas.

The Bass family's investments have changed the landscape of downtown Fort Worth, transforming aging and often-vacant buildings into trendy restaurants, hotels and clubs, all anchored by the \$65 million Nancy Lee and Perry R. Bass Performance Hall.

He was a dedicated civic pioneer and outspoken philanthropist, and it was my honor to know him and to now represent part of the great city of Fort Worth that he helped develop into one of the best places to live in the United States. He leaves behind a legacy of generosity and encouraged others do to the same. His wife, Nancy, and four sons, Sid, Lee, Edward and Robert, have continued that legacy of philanthropy and public works. I extend my deepest sympathies to his family and friends. He will be deeply missed and his service to his community will always be greatly appreciated.

TRIBUTE TO SPECIALIST J. ADAN
GARCIA

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of United States Army Specialist J. Adan Garcia, 20, of Irving, TX.

Specialist Garcia died on May 27, 2006 at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He died of injuries sustained on May 22, 2006, while serving in Baghdad, Iraq. Specialist Garcia was assigned to the 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 10th Mountain Division, in Fort Drum, NY.

I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Specialist Garcia. This brave young

man made the ultimate sacrifice for the security of his country and for the defense of democracy worldwide. He was an outstanding young man and we should all be grateful for his noble contributions to this nation and the advancement of freedom.

I am proud to call Specialist Garcia one of our own, and am, again, deeply sorry for his family and friends who have suffered this loss. His legacy will remain, as the men and women of our armed services continue to fight for liberty—both abroad and on our home soil.

INTRODUCTION OF LT. COL. JAMES
MEGELLAS MEDAL OF HONOR
BILL

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to honor a true American hero by awarding him the Medal of Honor. On January 28, 1945, during the Battle of the Bulge, Lt. James Megellas led his platoon of the 82nd Airborne Division on a surprise and devastating attack on a much larger advancing German force, killing and capturing a large number of the enemy and causing others to flee. In an act of fearless courage, Megellas single-handedly destroyed an attacking German Mark V tank with two hand-held grenades. He then led the charge of his men and seized Herresbach, Belgium, during this fierce action of the Battle of the Bulge. Due to his aggressive, fearless and superior leadership, Lt. James Megellas inspired his men to excel.

After serving 4 years as a rifle platoon leader during World War II, including many combat jumps into Italy and Holland, Megellas left the active Army and served for 16 years in the Army Reserve. He retired after 20 years of service as a lieutenant colonel.

His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Cross, two Silver Star Medals, two Bronze Star Medals, two Purple Hearts, and he is credited with being the 82nd Airborne Division's most decorated officer. During World War II, Gen. James Gavin selected one 82nd officer—Lt. James Megellas—to receive the Military Order of Wilhelm Orange Lanyard from the Dutch Minister of War on behalf of his division.

To this day, James Megellas continues to inspire. In February, 61 years since that momentous battle, James "Maggie" Megellas set foot on a battlefield with fellow 82nd Airborne Division soldiers, this time in a current theatre of war—Afghanistan. Megellas was impressed with what he saw of the paratroopers and their work. He listened to their stories of their past year of deployment and shared with them his own experiences during World War II.

I urge my colleagues to also recognize James "Maggie" Megellas by supporting this bill to authorize and request the President to award him the Medal of Honor for his acts of valor on January 28, 1945, during the Battle of the Bulge. As time goes by, true heroes should never be forgotten, so please join me in honoring this outstanding American hero.